

REMARKS

The amendment narrows the issues for appeal and thus, its entry is respectfully requested. Claims 8, 10 and 12 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 11 and 13 are rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims are amended to be dependent on the now independent claims.

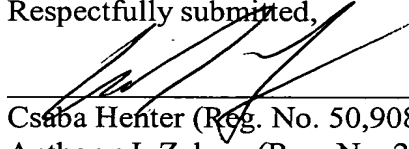
Claims 11 and 13 are also amended to further clarify them. The Examiner has incorrectly interpreted the claims to mean that the specified dose should be multiplied by the number of days present between the interval specified. Based on the disclosure in the specification it is apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that what is meant is that the specified dose is administered each day when administration takes place. Applicants point the Examiner's attention, for example, to Example 5, on page 18, specifying a one-time administration of 2 mg over 600 hours, i.e., 25 days. If the 2 mg dose is multiplied by the number of days, the amount would be 50 mg on day 25, which far exceeds the specified dose of 2.0-20 mg for intervals of 20 to 40 days. Thus, interpreting the claim to mean that the specified dose is to be multiplied by the number of days between the interval would effectively exclude at least example 5 from the claimed subject matter. One of ordinary skill in the art would thus interpret this claim to require the administration of the specified dose on each day of administration. This amendment does not change the scope of the claims; it merely further clarifies what was already clear.

A typographical error in claim 15 is corrected. Two commas were present next to each other.

For claim 17, it is assumed that the amendment submitted with the Brief on Appeal was entered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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